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IDWR EXTENDS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
ON BOISE RIVER GRAVEL OPERATION APPLICATION

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State stream channel managers have given area residents an extra two weeks to comment on a proposed gravel mining operation along the Boise river southwest of Eagle, the Idaho Department of Water Resources announced today.

Mike's Sand & Gravel originally applied more than two years ago for a permit to expand an existing gravel mining operation by approximately 15 acres along a 1,800-foot-long section of the south bank of the Boise River. That application was contested and the company submitted an amended application last year.

Stream channel managers now are finalizing their review of the amended application. They have set August 23 as the deadline for written public comment on the proposal.

They are seeking public input on the issues of possible effect of the project on: water quality, aesthetic beauty of the area, public safety within the river channel, recreational activities, fish habitat and its potential for harmful flooding or erosion upstream or downstream from the project.

To review the application or for more information about the project, contact the IDWR Western Region Office, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705-5082. The telephone number is (208) 334-2190.